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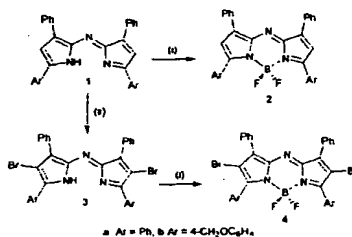
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(54) Title: COMPOUNDS USEFUL AS PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

## Reaction Scheme

(i)  $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ , DIEA,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , rt, 16 h;(ii)  $\text{Br}_2$ , toluene, rt, 2 h.

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compounds of the formula (II) or a salt, metal complex or hydrate or other solvate thereof, wherein: M is a chelating agent;  $\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^4$ ,  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  are independently selected from the group consisting of: H; a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, cyclic moiety; a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, heterocyclic moiety; or a substituted or unsubstituted, saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched chain alkyl or acyl moiety; and  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^5$  may also be independently a heavy atom or a water-solubilizing group. The present invention also relates to use of these compounds in the therapy *in vivo* or *in vitro* of a photosensitive target biological cell by irradiation, as well as methods of treating a photosensitive target biological cell *in vivo* or *in vitro*. Finally, the present invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions, comprising these compounds, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

